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Ms. Emma Best  
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Reference: F-2019-01838

Dear Ms. Best:

This is further to our letter dated 5 July 2019 and is also a final response concerning your 4 June 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **records mentioning or describing Justin Tanner Petersen AKA Agent Steal AKA Hydrerbud joker, a hacker and informant for the Bureau.**

We have completed a thorough review of your request and have determined in accordance with Section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to your request. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself currently and properly classified and is intelligence sources and methods information protected from disclosure by Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. Therefore, your request is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

Further, we believe your request as written would more likely fall under the auspices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). You can find their address at [www.foia.gov](http://www.foia.gov). There is no central office in the government that processes requests for all federal agencies. Each agency responds to requests for its own records. Therefore, we believe you should submit your FOIA request to the FBI.

If you have any questions regarding our response, you may contact us at:

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Washington, DC 20505  
Information and Privacy Coordinator  
703-613-3007 (Fax)

Please be advised that you may seek dispute resolution services from the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) of the National Archives and Records Administration. OGIS offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may reach CIA's FOIA Public Liaison at:

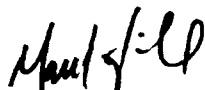
703-613-1287 (FOIA Hotline)

The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services  
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Contacting the CIA's FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right to pursue an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lily' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Lily  
Information and Privacy Coordinator